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For: **SECRETED AND
TRANSMEMBRANE
POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC
ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 28, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 07182005), please consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the three month shortened statutory period set for the response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.